1	2	3	4	5
21.	Meghalaya	22	26	22
22.	Manipur	26	31	24
23.	Nagaland	25	9	-
24.	Assam	59	78	71
25.	Tripura	30	20	20
26.	Arunachal Pradesh	9	31	38
		1241	1268	1362

[Translation]

SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH : I am partly satisfied with the reply of the Hon. Minister. The hon. Minister has stated that talented children are selected at the district, state and regional level and they are admitted in the scientific sports school. I want to know from the hon Minister the number of children out of them who have been given chance in the national and international competition. I want its statewise list

[English]

SHRI DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN R. : Sir, under this National Sports Talent Competition Scheme, we have taken 1,241 students during 1993-94, 1,268 students during 1994-95 and 1,362 students during 1995-96.

At the junior and sub-junior level, our students are showing good performance...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : The Minister is giving his maiden answer.

SHRI DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN R. : Regarding the achievements, in the field of hockey and football, NSTC children have virtually dominated in the prestigious tournaments like Jawaharlal Nehru Junior Hockey Tournament and Subrato Cup Football Tournament. In games like table tennis, gymnastics, athletics and swimming, a large number of NSTC children have already made a mark at junior national level and international level. During the last four to five years, NSTC children have won many medals at sub-junior and junior level in various national championships, and more than 40 medals at various junior, international championships. A large number of wrestlers from this Scheme have won medals at graded world class championships also.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Measles

*347. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of death due to Measles that have come to the notice of Government during 1996 (so far):

(b) whether the Union Government have taken some steps for eradication of the disease; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) 214 case of deaths due to measles have been reported during 1996 so far.

(b) and (c) The Child Survival and Safe Motherhood Programme, launched in 1992, incorporates in Universal Immunization Programme for increasing the immunization coverage levels, including measles immunization. Due to late starting in introduction of measles vaccine into the immunization programme, Government of India does not yet have a goal for eradication of measles. However, coverage levels have steadily improved to over 80% nationally.

Assistance for Inter-State Road Bridges in Assam

*348. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any financial assistance has been provided to the Government of Assam for inter-State road bridges of economic importance during the last three years;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the criteria laid down for selection of such projects for providing Central assistance?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). Due to paucity of funds no financial assistance has been provided to Assam under the E&I scheme during the last three years.

(c) Projects for Central assistance are chosen on the basis of the following criteria :

(i) Inter-State roads/bridges necessary for ensuring through communication.

(ii) Roads/Bridges required for opening up new areas to which railway facilities cannot be provided in the near future.

(iii) Road/Bridges which can contribute materially to rapid economic development, e.g. to hilly areas and places having mineral resources for exploitation.

(iv) Roads or bridges on roads connecting National Highways.

Proposals for assistance are sanctioned on the basis of detailed estimates.